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1. THE CSCE DELEGATION HAS BEEN ABLE TO FUNCTION EASILY TO DATE WITH EXCELLENT EMBASSY SUPPORT. WE ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSPORTATION WILL SOON BECOME A PROBLEM. THE EMBASSY IS A TWO DOLLAR TAXI RIDE FROM THE HOTEL AND \$9-\$10 RIDE FROM CONFERENCE HALL. THE TRIP MUST BE MADE FOUR TIMES A DAY. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION TO DATE. WITH ADVANCE PARTIES FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND ECONOMIC SUMMIT ARRIVING IN NEXT FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY RESOURCES WILL BE STRAINED AND CSCE WILL HAVE LOW PRIORITY. TO COMPLICATE MATTERS ADVANCE PARTIES AND PRESS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN ECONOMIC SUMMIT WILL INCREASE DEMAND ON TAXIS MAKING THEM PARTICULARLY SCARCE. AS NEGOTIATIONS BECOME MORE SENSITIVE NATO CAUCUSES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MOVE FROM THE INSECURE CONFERENCE HALL TO EMBASSIES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE CITY, FURTHER COMPLICATING THE  
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DELEGATION'S TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. FINALLY, THE URBAN HOTELS ARE ALL RESERVED FOR VISIT AND SUMMIT ATTENDEES AND AND O/A 10 JULY THE FRG PLANS TO MOVE THE DELEGATES OUT OF TOWN THEREBY MULTIPLYING OUR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS CONSIDERABLY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT DELEGATES WOULD REMAIN IN THE OUT-OF-TOWN LOCATIONS UNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING.

3. THE PERTINENT CSCE DOCUMENT CALLS FOR A 4-6 WEEK MEETING. SINCE NO CSCE MEETING HAS EVER ENDED ON TIME, TERMINATION O/A 1 AUGUST WOULD BE ANTICIPATED. NOTHING TO DATE MAKES AN EARLY ENDING LIKELY, EVEN THOUGH MOST WESTERN DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE FRG, ARE PRESSING FOR AN EARLIER ENDING. IN LIGHT OF THE ANTICIPATED TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS THE DELEGATION REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO RENT A DRIVE-YOURSELF CAR FOR CSCE DELEGATION. THIS COURSE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY ON MAY 3 IN REFTEL. WE BELIEVE THAT THE RENTAL WOULD COST ABOUT \$280 PER WEEK, OR LESS THAN TAXIS, EVEN IF AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY AFTER DELEGATIONS ARE MOVED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY BECAUSE EMBASSY RESOURCES MAY BE SUBJECT TO OTHER DEMANDS SOON.

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